

## METHOD OF EMAIL ATTACHMENT CONFIRMATION

### ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a method for automatically determining,  
5 and accordingly prompting an email user as to whether an attachment is to  
accompany an email message prior to transmission of the message. In one  
embodiment, the present invention provides a method, which can prompt an  
email user as to whether an attachment is to accompany an email addressed to  
certain individuals, groups, or organizations, prior to transmission of the  
10 message. In one embodiment, a database of certain addressees to whom  
attachments are frequently transmitted is consulted. In one embodiment, the  
present invention provides a method, which automatically prompts users based  
on the content of an email message as to whether an attachment is desired  
prior to transmission. In one embodiment, a database of certain keywords  
15 appearing in message text frequently correlated with attachment inclusion is  
consulted. In one embodiment, the databases are automatically updated by a  
self-learning modality.